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SUBJ: MAJOR TOPICS FOR 30TH SESSION OF ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

1. ITU SYG MILI, IN DETAILED CONVERSATION WITH TEL ATT AND ASST TEL ATT AT COMSAT OPEN HOUSE HERE ON NOV 19, SAID THAT THE THREE MAJOR TOPICS ON AGENDA OF 30TH SESSION OF ADMIN COUNCIL (JUNE 7-27,1975) WOULD BE: 1) BEDGETS FOR 1975 AND 1976; 2) REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXPERTS' SURVEY OF ITU PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS AND MANAGEMENT; AND 3) PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEES.

2. MILI EXPRESSED GREAT PLEASURE WITH THE CALIBRE OF THREE MAN TEAM OF EXPERTS NOW IN PROCESS OF FOUR MONTH SURVEY OF ITU PERSONNEL, SYSTEMS AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT. HE SAID TEAM OF NORWEGIAN, CANADIAN AND GERMAN EXPERTS WERE NICELY BALANCED IN SPECIALIZED BACKGROUNDS, ONE BEING SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT EXPERT, ANOTHER COMPUTER EXPERT AND THIRD A CLASSIFICATIONS-GRADING EXPERT. HE SAID THEIR APPROACH TO ITU SURVEY WAS FRESH, ORIGINAL AND TOUGH AND THAT THEY WERE NOT INFLUENCED BY PREJUDICES OR SENSITIVITIES OF DIRECTORS OF VARIOUS ITU SERVICES. HE SAID EXPERTS HAD ALREADY FOUND UNNECESSARY OVERLAP IN ITU NOTING THAT THREE MEN IN THREE DIFFERENT SERVICES WERE DOING SAME WORK. SYG STATED THAT SUCH WASTE WOULD HAVE TO BE ELIMINATED, STRESSING THAT WITH THE PRESENT WORLD FINANCIAL STRINGENCY, CONTINUOUS DEMANDS ON THE ITU FOR SERVICES, AND UNINTERRUPTED INFLATION, IT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR ITU TO GAIN MAXIMUM RETURN FROM ITS INVESTMENT IN PERSONNEL. CONSEQUENTLY IF SAYINGS

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CAN BE ACHIEVED IN PERSONNEL, LIMITED AVAILABLE RESOURCES

CAN BE RESCHEDULED FOR OTHER PRESSING PROJECTS FOR WHICH ITU CURRENTLY DOES NOT HAVE FUNDS.

3. MILI SAID THAT EXPERTS HAD EXPRESSED SERIOUS DOUBTS TO HIM ABOUT WISDOM OF ITU STRUCTURE. MILI INSTRUCTED EXPERTS TO MAKE THEIR SURVEY ON PREMISE THAT NOTHING WOULD BE DONE TO PRESENT ITU STRUCTURE BUT RECOMMENDED CHANGES WITHIN EXISTING FEDERAL STRUCTURE TO MAKE IT MORE EFFICIENT AND TO UTILIZE PERSONNEL MORE EFFICIENTLY WOULD BE WELCOMED.

4. TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF SURVEY IS FEBRUARY 1, HE SAID.

5. MILI CONFIRMED THAT BUDGETS WOULD BE PREPARED BY MARCH, 1975 AND COULD BE REPORTED TO ADMINISTRATIONS AT THAT TIME.

6. SYG STATED THAT ON BASIS OF RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEE MEETINGS-LATIN AMERICAN, EUROPEAN AND ASIAN- HE HAD COME TO CONCLUSION THAT REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEES NO LONGER NEEDED AND THAT COMPUTER COULD TAKE OVER MOST OF THEIR FUNCTIONS. HE SAID HE WOULD PREPARE RECOMMENDATION ON THIS SUBJECT FOR CONSIDERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.
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